

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FOOD PARKS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Food Parks are proposed to be established initially in Indore and Ratlam Districts in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the grants provided by the Government for infrastructure development;
- (c) whether more than hundred private Agro Based Industries will come up after establishment of the Food Parks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the criteria for selecting the districts of the same region of the State for establishing such parks;
- (f) whether the Government also proposed to set up Food Park in the Jabalpur district in future; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a): Department of Food Processing Industries received a proposal from the Directorate of Commerce & Small Scale Industries, Madhya Pradesh for setting up a Food Park in Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh. The proposal was incomplete in many respects and has been referred back to the concerned Department for completion.

(b) to (d): Assistance is provided under the Plan Scheme for setting up such parks to create common facilities in the form of uninterrupted power supply, cold storage/ ice plant/warehousing facility, effluent treatment plant, quality control and analytical laboratory and major processing facility like fruit concentrate/pulp making unit etc., so that the high capital intensive common facilities could be used by the downstream secondary processor to manufacture higher value added products with lesser investments. These estates/parks can be set up by PSUs/Joint/Assisted/Private Sector/NGOs/Cooperatives. The assistance provided is up to Rs. 400 lakhs.

(e) The selection of site for setting up the estate/park is decided by the promoter organization depending on various factors which may include availability of land, raw material, power, water supply, and other infrastructure facilities.

(f) & (g): No such proposal has been received.